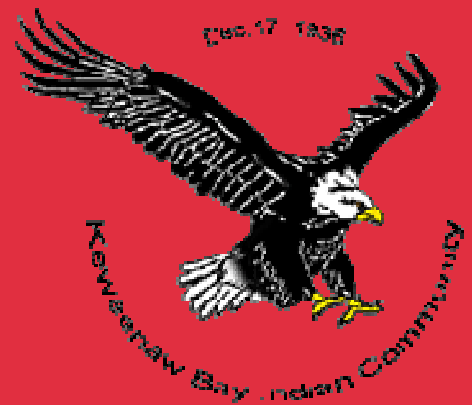




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KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS CEREMONY AND COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 2, 2009, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College held their commencement and honors ceremony at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, Michigan. Three students received their diplomas. Associate of Applied Science degrees were awarded to Brook Hiller (Early Childhood Education) and Amy Jo Manning (Early Childhood Education). An Associate of Science degree was awarded to Charlotte Loonsfoot (Environmental Science).

Timothy Shanahan, Chairman of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents, served as Master of Ceremonies. Four Thunders Drum provided the music for the processional, honor song and recession. Posting of the colors was conducted by KBIC Honor Guard. Invocation was given by Donald Dowd. OCC President Debra Parrish presented the welcome and KBIC Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the Tribal Council address.

Terri Denomie, who gave the Commencement Address, has been the KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start Director for seventeen years and has been employed in the field of Early Childhood for twenty-one years. She served on the OCC Board of Regents for ten years, was a member of the KBIC Education Committee for fifteen years, the MICWA Committee for five years, and the Powwow Committee for eight years. She has also served as a Tribal Council member for five years and as a member of the National Indian Head Start Director's Association for eleven years. Terri stated, "My greatest accomplishments in life have been the twenty-five years of motherhood, my marriage of twenty-six years and the last twenty months as grandma. This year I intended to return to college to pursue a degree in Native American Studies and signed up for a language class for three years. I'm now committed to learning our language and serving as an Apprentice with our Language Revitalization Program." During her address Terri spoke of, "Two of our college graduates have chosen Early Childhood as their interest. Both are non-native, living in a native family and raising their native children. All three of these graduates already know and knew what to expect as they all have their own children. We, the parents, are our children's first teachers. We, as parents, provide a variety of life experiences for our children. We, as parents, make many of their choices in their early years. I give this piece of advice to so many parents... be the parent you always wanted! Remember what you as a child wished you and your parents would have did or done, and do it! Take time to nurture your children and all the children that you come in contact with." She concluded her speech with words her Grandma Stubby once told her, "The end of wisdom... is to dream high enough not to lose



2009 OCC Graduation Class — (left to right) Charlotte Loonsfoot, Brook Hiller, and Amy Jo Manning (Valedictorian).



(left to right) Dean of Students, Kristin Tepsa, and Terri Denomie, Commencement Speaker for 2009.

the dream in the seeking of it."

Cherie Dakota and Kristin Tepsa presented Scholastic and Honor Awards to several students from the Spring, Summer and Fall 2008 semesters (list on page six).

Georgina Earring received the Student of the Year Award. In less than a year, Georgina has gone from adjusting to her first semester as a new student at KBOCC to becoming both KBOCC's Student of the Year and a published author. Georgina's essay, "Loss of a Language," has gone from being one of the many homework assignments she had to do for class to winning first place in the Memoir/Personal Narrative Category in the *Tribal College Journal's* 2009 writing contest. "Loss of a Language" will be published in the *Tribal College Journal's* Fall 2009 edition.

Amy Jo Manning was named Class Valedictorian. Amy was able to maintain excellent academic standing while balancing school with parenting five children and teaching full-time at the KBIC Early Head Start.

Veronica Adams received the Zoongide~ewin Award. The Zoongide~ewin Award is awarded to a student for qualities of courage and persistence in overcoming obstacles to the student's educational goals. The student is chosen by faculty for being an outstanding example of bravery, responsibility, diligence, and good spirit. Veronica Adams is a role model for her children, grandchildren, and community by returning to school to pursue her lifelong dream of working in the field of nursing.

Ryan Koski received the Outstanding Freshman Award. Ryan was unanimously chosen. He has earned a perfect 4.0 GPA while carrying a full-time load. Ryan has been actively involved in the campus community from the start including participating in the organization of the student government. This summer Ryan is participating in the Michigan Colleges and University Partnership Program between KBOCC and MTU.

The students chose Mary DeLine as the

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
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 Toni Minton, Secretary
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- May 2, 2009, Tribal Council meeting
- Parental Awareness Seminar and Dinner
- KBIC EVEN START Families create "Three Sisters" Gardens
- First Annual KBIC Environmental Fair
- 12th Annual Children's Powwow
- DHHS' Mother Day Dinner
- G.R.E.A.T. Gang Resistance Programming for Youth
- Ojibwa Housing Authority News
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The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on May 2, 2009, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFerner, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's report for April 2009. President Swartz administered an oath to the Appellate Court Judges at the beginning of the month. He attended a Baraga Township Board meeting where he asked for their consent for the extension of the water line into the township. The Board passed a motion approving our request.

President Swartz and Jerry Lee Curtis, along with other Tribe's representatives, attended a meeting in Washington DC with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs where they discussed significant challenges tribes face such as attacks upon our Tribal Sovereignty and Tribal Health Care. The Bemidji area is the most under funded of all (KBIC is included in the Bemidji area). They urged the President to fully fund contract support costs, and they pushed for a specific funding distribution reform within IHS. The formularies must be re-examined to ensure more fair measures are utilized. They recommended that the President create a Tribal Leader Advisory Committee to serve in the reformation process. They supported Kenneth J. Ermatinger, a Sault Ste. Marie Tribal member, as the Presidential Appointment to the position of Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission. They also requested that the President support an amendment to the Employee Free Choice Act that exempts Tribal Governments. Tribal governmental leaders are concerned about the status of federal recognition of Tribal sovereignty rights. Tribal leaders see the language of the Employee Free Choice Act as a threat to the sovereign status of Tribal Governments. Tribe's should be afforded the same exemption provisions as state and federal governmental entities and not be subject to the NLRB and the Employee Free Choice Act. Michigan Tribes requested the President's support for the recognition and treatment of Tribes as governmental entities under the National Labor Relations Act and the Employee Free Choice Act.

President Swartz participated in a conference call with other individuals interested in economic development. Topics included geothermal modular building systems (building 'green' houses on tribal lands) and high tech communication systems. We have invited representatives from this company to meet with our economic development committee in May.

President Swartz has received a letter from John Tembruell, the Baraga County Memorial Hospital Administrator, indicating the changes to the CARES brochure were approved by their Board of Trustees. Specifically, they have removed any reference to the KBIC Tribal Health Clinic and Indian Health Service programs from the eligibility clause. The brochure referenced IHS and Tribal Health Fund as insurance programs. This change should be a significant benefit to KBIC community members who may be eligible for the CARES fund.

The Community also received a letter of support from the Baraga County Board of Commissioners regarding our application to the EPA for a waste transfer station.

Susan LaFerner gave the Vice President's Report. Vice President LaFerner indicated that she had just returned from a hearing involving the sales and use tax case in the U.S.

Sixth District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio, where a panel of three judges heard testimony from our attorneys Dorsey and Whitney, and the state attorneys. Susan LaFerner stated on behalf of those who attended with her, (Mike LaFerner, Jerry Lee Curtis, and Attorney Baker) that "because of the questioning they felt it went very well." We don't have a date on the decision as of yet.

Susan LaFerner attended the Supportive Housing Tour along with Debbie Picciano, Director of Community Assistance Programs, Ojibwa Housing personnel, and New Day personnel. They toured three or four facilities in Duluth. The tour was set up and funded by Mr. Peterson of Supportive Housing for the state. Information was gathered in conjunction with the upcoming Drug Court program and a new grant involving domestic violence housing.

Spring cleanup continues, and our faithful volunteers are once again cleaning our roadsides and cemeteries getting ready for the Memorial Day services. Please make it a point to attend the Memorial Day Services. The Cultural Committee is bringing back an old tradition of our people and is organizing a picnic at the Pinery Cemetery after the Memorial Day services.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for April. During the month of April 2009, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on April 4, 2009, and is reported in the May 2009 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on April 17, 2009: approved the meeting minutes of November 26, December 6, and December 11, 2008; approved the request of American Legion Post 444 for the purchase of linens and socks for troops; approved Resolutions KB1659-2009 Hiring/Personnel Committee and By-Laws, KB1665-2009 Parks and Recreation Committee and By-Laws, KB1667-2009 Lisa Denomie Residential Lease; approved the appointment of Lynn Haataja as Interim General Manager of the Baraga Casino Resort; upheld the Manager's decision in grievance case #008-09; upheld the Manager's decision in grievance case #008-09; named the 7th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby in honor of the Tiosh Family Past and Present Fishermen; approved the By-Laws of the Natural Resource Committee; agreed to apply for the Solid Waste Transfer grant; approved a donation of \$2,850 for the Presentation of the film "Older Than America" at Northern Michigan University (June 6th, 2009); added \$11,942 to the Special Projects/Safety Coordinator budget for utilities; approved a donation of up to \$250 for items from the gift shop for the Ojibwa Seniors' MIEA auction; approved 2009 Committee selections; staggered the terms of the Gaming Commission with Dale Shalfoe receiving a three-year term, Mike Duschene receiving a two-year term and James Rasanen receiving a one-year term; and approved a donation of \$600 for the Parental Awareness Dinner. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on April 20, 2009: approved the Consultant Agreement with Andrews Cultural Resources; approved Resolution KB1669-2009 BIA Funding Eligibility Study for the Ojibwa Community College; approved the Veteran's budget for 2009; approved the services agreement with Christine Edwards; and agreed to post the General Manager's position at the Radio Station. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on April 23, 2009: approved meeting minutes of May 1, 2006; approved \$45,000 in matching funds for the Ojibwa Community College Carpentry Program; approved Resolution KB1671-2009 Sand Point Master Plan and Construction Drawings Development; approved \$900 for Nanette Beck for a medical emergency

travel request; approved Resolution KB1672-2009 and Letter of Support for Jessica Koski for a White House Internship; agreed to reconsider the 2009 Committee selections at the next special council meeting; and approved a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the eagle/deer incident.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's report for April. In 2005, Council had approved an agreement with Commercial National Bank (CNB) for online banking regarding our administrative account. Since CNB has now merged with Superior National Bank (SNB), we have the opportunity to view our accounts on the same net teller account. Our accounting department now has online access to view balances, deposits and canceled checks for all accounts with SNB. On April 22nd, Larry Denomie, CEO, Francis LaPointe Jr., CFO and Treasurer Misegan met with representatives from SNB regarding collateralization agreements for our account. The SNB representatives proposed a new program they are offering called Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service or CDARS. This will include insured FDIC protection of larger accounts that would not otherwise be protected. The CFO will be researching this to determine if it is practical for the Tribe. We did learn that there are no longer limits on non-interest bearing accounts for FDIC protection in financial institutions that are participants in the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program.

On April 27th, Francis LaPointe Jr., CFO, Vice President Susan LaFerner and Treasurer Misegan attended the annual Keweenaw Financial Corporation's (KFC) Annual Stockholder's meeting. They learned KFC did very well in 2008 considering the tough economic times.

President Swartz and Treasurer Misegan participated in a conference call facilitated by GLIFWC and included representatives from LacVieux Desert, Lac du Flambeau and Sokaogon Chippewa regarding harvest limits in the Western Upper Peninsula, outside of the home territory of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and negotiations with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. We expressed our concerns regarding LVD's proposal to exceed the 6% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and to increase their quota in lakes over 900 acres up to 10%. They discussed potential problems and the risks that are involved and will affect KBIC.

President Swartz read the CEO report for April 2009, as Larry Denomie, CEO was not able to attend. The agent for the Tribe's Health Insurance provider has met with the Wellness Program Task Force. A presentation on the resources they have available to them was provided in developing a comprehensive Wellness Program. The Task Force will be meeting in May to prepare a recommendation for Council. It is clear that a program can provide participants a healthier lifestyle while the Tribe will benefit by controlling rising health care costs.

The Ojibwa Community College has completed the process of having a review team visit to consider the institution for recommendation for initial candidacy status. It has been reported the review went very well, and a review team report will be available in the near future.

The Tribe's former Tubcraft building located in the Tribe's Industrial Park will be made available for the Ojibwa Community College's Wood Shop Training Program. The \$50,000 USDA grant plus \$45,000 matching Tribal funds will be used to renovate and purchase equipment for the program.

The Eagle Radio General Manager position has been posted. Todd Overbeek will continue to serve as the Interim GM during the hiring process.



Michigan Indian Elders Association Scholarship Program



MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2009 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available a minimum of four (4) \$500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to at least five qualified students with the \$1000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college, university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (*copy of tribal card*) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department*).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulative grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be **RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR no later than June 22, 2009**. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be obtained from the tribal education department or tribal senior office.

2009 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2009 KBIC Forestry Scholarship applications. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved two scholarships for college students pursuing Forestry degrees. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice a year for up to four years. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota
- Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry documented by their college

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 3, 2009, at 4 p.m.

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The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2009 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 3, 2009, at 4 p.m.



KBIC EVEN START FAMILIES CREATE "THREE SISTERS" GARDENS

As a family literacy program, KBIC Even Start provides creative opportunities for participating families to experience "hands-on" learning together through the integration of four essential literacy components: adult education, early childhood education, parenting education, and interactive literacy activities. One such activity this spring invited participants to experience language and literacy development with stories, seeds, and soup.

A recent Family Circle provided the setting for children and adults to gather and explore the Native American tradition of the "Three Sisters Garden." As the children passed around some fresh beans, squash, and ears of corn, a story was read aloud to them explaining the symbiotic relationship of the "Three Sisters" and why the three vegetables grow so well together. Assisting the Even Start team in this effort was Marie Harju, from MSU Extension's Family Nutrition Program, who provided helpful information on nutrition and gardening.

Following the story discussion, the adults prepared the vegetables for lunch-time soup. The children assisted by placing the produce in a pan so it could cook while they began their planting activity. Together, parents and children carefully planted seed starters according to written directions. Next they listened to tips on how to properly plant a "Three Sisters Garden" in a single mound once the seedlings were ready. Participants and staff assessed the large proposed garden area on the grounds of the KBIC Even Start Center and marked off the areas each family chose for their individual gardens.

A lunch of "Three Sisters" soup was served along with fry bread. As a closing activity, parents and their children used Ojibwa words from the story to design family signs to post in their gardens. Each family received a copy of the storybook and recipe for "Three Sisters" soup to take home.

KBIC Even Start is a free program of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community serving to strengthen the family literacy needs of low-income Baraga County families with children under the age of eight. For more information on how this program may benefit you or someone you know, call 353-8161.

NEWS RELEASE: Baraga County, May 21, 2009.

The Pinery Fire is currently burning in Baraga County, North of L'Anse along the Skanee Road. Residents were evacuated on the Pinery Road and west of Indian Lake Road. Evacuees were directed to the L'Anse Fire Hall. Bear Town Wildland Fire Fighting Crews were dispatched to the Pinery Fire yesterday afternoon and continue to be on the scene today. Additional crews from the Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests arrived this morning, bringing the total to 80 fire fighters. Reports indicate approximately 685 acres appear to be scorched. The Pinery Fire is estimated to be 85 percent contained. One home was destroyed but there have been no injuries. Most of the land is owned by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Several wooden grave markings in the cemetery on Indian Cemetery Road were destroyed by the fire.

The D.N.R. and Bureau of Indian Affairs received assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services in Seney; Hiawatha National Forest; Ottawa National Forest; Baraga, L'Anse, Aura, Arvon Fire Depts.; Bear Town Wildland Firefighters; Baraga County Sheriff's Department; Michigan State Police; American Red Cross; and the Baraga County Office of Emergency Measures.

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Pinery Fire, Baraga County, May 20, 2009



John Mantila, Baraga Ojibwa Casino Manager, retired on April 22nd. John has served the Tribe in management capacities for twenty plus years. Council has placed Lynn Haataja as the Interim General Manager while the search for a permanent placement takes place.

The Pre-Primary Program has initiated a project to build a children's library. Everyone is invited to purchase a children's book, volunteer to read it to the kids and then leave the book to be added to the library. Or you can just purchase a book and drop it off. The Pre-primary Program is located within the Community Center, and for more information, you can call 353-KIDS. (There is also a wish list of books on Amazon.com under K.B.I.C. Pre Primary Program.)

Larry Denomie, CEO, attended a meeting with Casino staff and the technical advisor of Aristocrat Technologies who installed the Oasis System, AKA the player's club system. A significant change will take place in June which will affect player's club points. Currently a player only needs to carry one card to gain points through play at either of the Ojibwa Casinos. Due to problems in software, players will be required to have a separate card for each Ojibwa Casino. Staff is preparing the customers for the change in an attempt to make the transaction as smooth as possible.

We are once again in search of a Psychologist. The individual, who was offered the position, declined the offer due to personal reasons. The position has been reposted with the hopes of filling the position within the next 30-45 days.

April 22nd, the Tribe's Natural Resources Department, along with others provided an outstanding event in conjunction with Earth Day. The department provided information to the public, local students and staff relating to ways we can all help make the world we live in cleaner, greener and a safer place.

Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator, implemented the GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training Program) in the Baraga Elementary School the week of April 20th. The program provides fourth and fifth grade students with six lessons with will run through the first week of June. Anthony Carrick, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Officer stationed in Harvey, is conducting the lessons. Chris Gerard has indicated the program has received positive feedback from the staff of the school.

Joyce Chosa has been selected by the Even Start Program as the second individual to receive the Dream Catcher Award. Joyce is employed at the KBIC Early Headstart Program and is currently the Education and Disabilities Coordinator.

Under New Business, Debra Picciano, Director of the Community Assistance Program, presented Resolution KB1677-2009 Tribal Weatherization Program. KBIC is applying for a grant from the Department of Energy to assist in training existing staff on weatherization and the possibility of hiring one staff position. The amount available is between \$50,000-\$200,000, and there is no match funding required. **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve Resolution KB1677-2009 Tribal Weatherization Program, supported by William E. Emery, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

President Swartz presented a request for Todd Warner for a Walleye Pond Aerator. Mr. Warner would like to get this system purchased early next week and up and running within a week's time. The new Tribal Wildlife grant has funds available for the purchase of walleye pond equipment. Council reviewed three bids. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the bid from Keeton Industries in the amount of \$5,779 for a Solar Aeration System for the Walleye ponds, supported by Susan LaFerner, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

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Council scheduled a grievance hearing for case #0118-09 for May 7th; passed Department Head Reports for March 2009; and Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2009, January 9, 2009, January 10, 2009, and January 15, 2009. Prior to moving into closed session with President Swartz (Michigan Economic Development Corporation), Treasurer Misegan (Donations), Attorney John Baker and CEO Larry Denomie on the agenda, Council entered into a recess where they held the Second Reading of the Proposed Amendment to Ojibwa Housing Ordinance 2009-02.

After closed session, Council approved a donation of \$500 to the American Legion for brass grave markers and a donation of \$450 to the KBIC Tribal Head Start for graduation gifts. Council also approved the request of The Most Holy Name of Jesus Church to use land near the old Tribal Center for a community garden.

PARENTAL AWARENESS SEMINAR AND DINNER



The first Parental Awareness Seminar and Dinner was held at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room on May 12th. Over 80 parents, grandparents, and educators attended. The evening began with a dinner catered by the Migizi Wadiswan, with fresh fish being donated and cooked by commercial fishermen, Dan and Dawn Alexander. The focus of the event was to promote awareness and provide education to our Tribal parents about some of the issues that are negatively affecting our children and teenagers.

The first speaker of the evening was Lt. Jeff Racine (pictured above) of the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET). He spoke of the effects that drugs are having on our children and our communities and how living in a rural area compared to an urban area has not made it any less of a problem. He urged parents not to abuse drugs or alcohol in front of their children, to communicate with their children, but to be their parents, not their friends. He said to keep a close eye on their children and to go through their things if drug use is suspected and know where they are and what they are doing and who their friends are. He closed his presentation with a very challenging and inspiring video demonstrating that we CAN make a difference.

Jackie Larson, a Victims of Crime Advocate from DIAL HELP spoke on Teen Dating Violence. She presented indicators for parents to be aware of with their child such as shame, depression, mistrust, guilt, confusion and loss of appetite that may be the result of an abusive relationship. She stated that parents must keep a clear line of communication open with their child and be willing to listen, listen, listen to them. She closed by presenting the Teen Dating Bill of Rights which states: I have the Right to – Always be treated with respect, to be in a healthy relationship, to not be hurt physically or emotionally and to end a relationship.

The third and final speaker of the evening was D/Sgt. David Johnson (pictured below) of the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes



Against Children Task Force. He spoke of the dangers of internet use among children and teenagers and the potential for sexual exploitation. He told parents to take the initiative to learn about the internet and technology and to let their child know to tell their parents about any inappropriate messages they may get through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, or social networks such as MySpace and Facebook. He stressed the importance to establish rules for the internet such as: what sites they can visit, who they can talk to, how much time they spend on it and to keep the computer in a common room, not their bedrooms. He said to report any suspicious activity to www.cybertipline.com and to SAVE anything that is questionable to show to authorities.

Jennifer Misegan, Tribal Council Treasurer, coordinated the event. She stated, "the Seminar was a collaborative effort sponsored by several Departments, Committees and the Tribal Council. So many people were supportive and willing to help. As a parent, I know what a difficult job it is. It is encouraging to know that we have a Tribe that supports us and provides tools to help us. I thought the dinner was successful; there are a few things that we will work to improve, but I am looking forward to doing this again." Prizes were donated and given out at the closing. The lucky winner of the grand prize, a Nintendo Wii system, was won by R.D. Curtis.

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The participation and help for the **Parental Awareness Seminar & Dinner** was overwhelming!

Thank you to:

Our Speakers – Lt. Jeff Racine, Jackie Larsen, D/Sgt. David Johnston.

Childcare providers – Lisa Denomie and her staff at Pre-Primary.

Teen volunteers – Hope Minton, Deena Misegan, Jade Chaudier, Shani Shelifoe, Tashina Emery, Desiree Jermac and Durwyn Chaudier.

Dan and Dawn Alexander for the great fresh fish and the staff of the Migizi Wadiswan for the delicious dinner.

Others who helped - Chris Gerard, Tyler Larson, Doreen Blaker, Amy St. Arnold, Susan LaFerner, Diana Chaudier, Robin Roe, Jeanne Kauppila, Lynn Haataja, Chill Seppanen, Janice Halverson, Vicki Mleko, Beverly Lussier, Dave Zasadnyj.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors and those who made prize donations!

Sponsors - The Tribal Council, Youth Committee, Education Committee, Community Assistance program, Social Services Department, Health Department, Weed & Seed, Drug Taskforce, New Day Treatment Center, Tribal Court and VOCA.

Donations - Headstart, Ojibwa Casino Resort, Pressbox, Ojibwa Motel and Irene's Pizza.

Megwetch to all of you for everything you did to make the event a success!

~ Jennifer Misegan, Tribal Council Treasurer



1st Annual KBIC Environmental Fair



The KBIC Natural Resources Department held the first annual Environmental Fair to celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The event provided environmental education to area schools and community members. Attending the event were 166 kids from L'Anse and Arvon schools and over 50 community members. An official screening of the National Wildlife Federation documentary *Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance* premiered during the community portion of the event.

Several organizations participated in the event to provide educational information and hands on learning experiences including, USDA/Baraga County Conservation District, Plum Creek, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Baraga County MSU Extension/ 4-H, MTU Engineers without Borders, Michigan Department of Natural Resources featuring Smokey the Bear, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Environmental Science Program, MTU GEM Center for Science and Environmental Outreach, KBIC Weed-n-Seed, KBIC Mining Specialist, and KBIC GIS Specialist. The KBIC Natural Resources Department provided several displays and activities related to water quality, fisheries management, wildlife management, solid waste, hazardous waste, air quality/climate change, brownfields, forestry, and native planting and harvesting.

According to participants and teachers attending the event, it was a huge success. The Natural Resources Department plans to conduct the Environmental Fair annually around Earth Day.



KBIC Natural Resources Department Conducts Successful 2009 Baraga County Crane Count

The Annual Midwest Crane Count is a tradition dating back to 1976. It is one of the largest citizen-based inventories in the world. One of the primary purposes of the Crane Count is to allow the International Crane Foundation (ICF) to monitor the abundance and distribution of cranes in the Upper-Midwest. Each year, the Count involves over 3,000 volunteer participants who spread over 100 counties in five states.

In April, 2009, the KBNRD and several volunteers from the local community (including the local Cub Scouts and private property owners) assessed 15 different areas of Baraga County for cranes, attempting to document the number of individual cranes

as well as breeding pairs. The only way counters can document breeding pairs is to document the "Unison Call", with two birds singing different songs in tandem.

The 2009 Crane Count involved more than 35 counters, and 50 individual cranes. Sixteen breeding pairs were counted as part of the Mid-West wide effort. This degree of counting and volunteerism made the 2009 Baraga County Crane Count the most successful since the 1980's!

For more information on the Annual Crane Count and on the conservation and management of several species of cranes, visit the ICF website @: www.savingcranes.org/ or contact the KBNRD @ (906) 524-5757.



Lost Gillnet Net Recovery Efforts an Ongoing Challenge.

The Lake Superior Commercial Gillnet Fishery is an important source of food and income to various businesses and families throughout the Great Lakes region and beyond. Commercially licensed fishers from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as well as additional regional tribes have harvested lake trout, lake whitefish, and other valuable species for many generations, and gillnets of various sizes and materials have been a primary fishing gear for decades.

At times, gillnets are lost due to a variety of reasons (severe storms, upwellings or sudden strong currents, ice flows, floating large woody debris, human disturbance, etc.). KBIC recognizes that the recovery of lost commercial fishing gear (aka **Ghost Nets**) helps in minimizing the risk of wasting a portion of the Lake Superior fishery resource, as the durable and long-lasting materials used in the fabrication of gillnets result in a gear that can capture and kill fish for extended periods of time. When unmanned and lost, these gears have potential to negatively impact the fishery, and KBIC strives to avoid this.

Since the acquisition of the KBIC Law Enforcement Vessel and the installation of the KBIC Natural Resources Department gillnet lifter onto said vessel in 2005, KBIC has recovered several ghost nets. To do this, a large and heavy chain grapple is strategically drug across the lake bottom in areas suspected to have nets present. KBIC Law Enforcement and Natural Resources Staff coordinate these efforts based on information obtained from Commercial and Sport Fishers, other Management Agencies, or the general public.

We encourage anyone who encounters what they suspect to be a lost gillnet to report as much information as possible (GPS coordinates, landmark descriptions, depths, etc). It is also advised that people do not attempt to recover or observe the nets themselves, instead mark the net with a tether line and floating jug/ marker on the surface.

To report suspected ghost nets:

KBIC:	(906) 353-6623
KBIC Conservation Law:	(906)-250-6909
GLIFWC:	(715)-682-6619
KB Natural Resources:	(906)-524-5757



KBIC Natural Resources Department Active in Exotic Species and Disease Surveillance

Sea Lamprey Control: Since 2006-07, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission has subcontracted KBIC in maintaining and collecting catch data from a single adult sea lamprey

trap on the Silver River Watershed. Silver River and Keweenaw Bay are the largest watersheds on KBIC tribal lands encompassing over 33,000 acres, and work in assisting with understanding and control of the exotic sea lamprey in these areas has been considered a high priority for KBNRD in recent years.

Exotic Disease Surveillance: KBIC submitted a single fish sample collection for screening for the exotic virus Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) in 2008, from Lower Keweenaw Bay, Lake Superior, and intends to collect multiple samples in 2009. Passive collection of information from the public regarding observations of potentially diseased fish (as evidenced by fish kills or fish exhibiting irregular behavior or clinical signs of sickness) is also done. This disease screening is considered important to many agencies

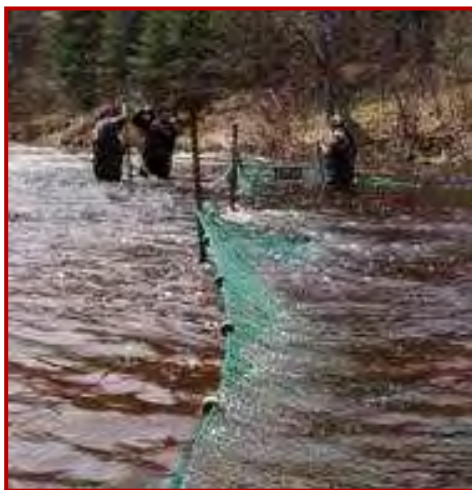


Photo: KBNRD Natural Resources Staff Installing an Adult Sea Lamprey Trap on the Silver River.

Graduation, continued from page one.

Faculty member of the Year. Mary was nominated by the students because her passion for early childhood education fuels their interest in teaching, and she is very resourceful and eager to teach her students everything they need to learn. She is always there for the students and always understands.

Graduates, friends and families were graced with a new addition to the annual ceremony of two musical selections from *Bells on the Bay*. Another added feature this year was a poetry reading by Sally Brunk from her book, *The Cliffs, Summer Soundings*. Students, faculty, families and friends shared in a feast as part of the celebration following the ceremonies. Congratulations to the graduates and the awardees.



Sally Brunk as she reads her poetry reading.

RESPECTING YOUR GIFT
- by Sally Brunk

Each new day, new morning
that you step out and greet that sunrise,
you offer tobacco to the Great Spirit
to our helpers for guidance, for strength
giving thanks for what you have been given,
those spirit helpers are always with you
the Grandmothers, Grandfathers
watching and hoping you recognize
the power, the potential inside of you
as a people, we are all given gifts, talents
that we are to share, to help one another
this is how the tribe survives
this is how the clans work together
in that journey
we find ourselves.
we find our strengths,
we become humble in helping others
the Grandmothers, Grandfathers
are always around to help you
take that chance,
rise to your potential
seize the talent inside yourself
with open arms and an honest, giving heart.
May you have strength in your journey....

Department Awards

Early Childhood Education — Nissa Morningstar and Betti Szarzoletta

Liberal Studies — Gary Loonsfoot and Ryan Koski

Environmental Science — Gerald Jondreau

AMP awards — Georgenia Earring, Christopher Chosa, Yvette Friisvall.

Scholastic Honors 2008-2009

Dean's List

Chris Chosa, Spring 2009
Ryan Koski, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Brittany Maki, Fall 2008

Honors List

Raymond Cadreaus, Fall 2008
Robin Chosa, Spring 2008
Katie Payne, Spring 2008

Scholastic Achievement

Veronica Adams, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Catherine Andrews, Spring 2009
Christine Awonohopay, Spring 2008, Fall 2008
Kaylee Brunk, Spring 2008
Raymond Cadreaus, Spring 2008, Spring 2009
Agatha Cardinal, Spring 2009
Roxanne Carlson, Spring 2008, Fall 2008
Sue Ellen Carlson, Fall 2008
Diana Chaudier, Spring 2008
Anita Chosa, Spring 2008

Brandon Chosa, Spring 2009
Cynthia Curtis, Spring 2008
Hope Dakota, Spring 2009
Martha Dakota, Fall 2008
Shelly Danielson, Spring 2008, Spring 2009
Ryan DeCota, Spring 2008
John DeLine, Fall 2008
Cecilia Dowd, Spring 2008, Fall 2008
Kelly Dowd, Spring 2008
Jerri Lynn Duschaine, Spring 2009
Georgenia Earring, Fall 2008
Amy Ellenich, Spring 2008
DeAnna Hadden, Fall 2008
Brook Hiller, Spring 2009
Alexander Hirzel, Summer 2008
Elizabeth Hirzel, Summer 2008
Sascha Hirzel, Summer 2008
Gerald Jondreau, Summer 2008, Fall 2008
Suzanne Kahkonen, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Rachel King, Spring 2009
Gerald Kirkish, Summer 2008
Francis LaPointe, III, Fall 2008
April Lofquist, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Charles Loonsfoot, Jr., Spring 2008, Fall 2008
James Loonsfoot, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Kim Maki, Fall 2008
Amy Manning, Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Fall 2008
Nissa Morningstar, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Michelle Moulden, Fall 2008
Debra Parrish, Spring 2009
Jessica Picard, Spring 2008
Rose Picard, Spring 2009
Chris Ann Saari, Spring 2008, Summer 2008
Elizabeth Sherman, Fall 2008, Spring 2009
Betti Szaroletta, Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Spring 2009
Casey Trevethan-Lahti, Spring 2009
Karen Wild, Fall 2008



(left) Mary DeLine, Faculty member of the Year,
(right) Amy Jo Manning, Class Valedictorian.



Ryan Koski, Freshman of the Year.



Veronica Adams receives Zoongide~ewin Award.



Bells on the Bay



Four Thunders Drum



Dare to Dream

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In Tribal Court Building

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• Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

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- Paternity Establishment
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CONGRATULATIONS



Jessica Lynn Koski graduated this spring from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences with a concentration in Government and Public Policy and a Minor in Environmental Studies.

Jessica is the daughter of Roy (Elizabeth) Koski II and Cheryl (Michael) Boyd, and granddaughter of Nancy (late Fabian) Haataja, Roy Koski, Dorothy (William) Juutilainen and LaVern (Digna) Heath.

Jessica plans to continue her higher education by pursuing a Master's Degree in Environmental Management at Yale's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in the fall of 2009. Jessica states, "My plans are to further pursue a PhD in Anthropology and use my education to help prevent future mineral developments near my tribal community. Extending my public service to other communities and regions, I want to influence policy in Washington, DC, to represent other Native peoples and help protect the environment for future generations.

I began my higher educational journey at Ojibwa Community College where I received an Associate's Degree in Liberal Studies in 2006. In addition, I have participated in a number of national Native American Programs in Washington, DC including internship experiences with NASA, Congress, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service.

I am thankful for all the support from my family and community, and I hope to inspire other students to also follow their dreams."

New Employees



Even Start Adult Education Teacher — Doug Ploe.

Doug Ploe is the new Even Start Adult Education Teacher. Doug has taught a variety of subjects in a variety of different places, most recently Wakefield Schools. He is a graduate of MTU with a degree in Mathematics. Doug is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Curriculum Design.

Doug lives in Houghton with Gail, his wife of 22 years and they have three children ranging in age from 21 to 15 years. His interests are vintage motorcycles, camping, hunting, fishing, boating and any sport his children are into. In his spare time, Doug enjoys spending time with those closest to him – family and friends.



DHHS Maintenance Worker — Richard Shalifoe III.

Rick Shalifoe has been hired as the Department of Health and Human Services' Maintenance Worker. Rick is a KBIC member and has years of experience in the maintenance field. Welcome aboard Rick.



Public Nurse — Mary Linden.

Mary Linden has been hired as the Public Health nurse for KBIC. The Public Nurse's purpose is to improve the outcomes of some of the more chronic illnesses through education, individual goal setting, Donald LaPointe Health Clinic resources and community support. Mary's experience has been in the home care setting, working for BCHC and at the BCMH. She previously worked as a charge nurse in private psychiatric hospital in lower Michigan, as a nurse in substance abuse center for many years, and in hospital settings. Mary states, "I am looking forward to providing teaching and awareness for life style changes to improve medical problems here on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation. I have located to this area due to the abundance of natural treasures: the lake Superior, the eagles and the natural waterfalls to name a few, I enjoy the outdoors and horse back riding. My telephone number at the Donald LaPointe Health Clinic is 353-4548."

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year beginning March 1, 2009, through June 15, 2009. Applications will be available at the KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Health Clinic and KBIC Head Start and & Early Head Start Center.

Happy Father's Day

FORCIA WINS 2009 ART FROM THE GREIVING HEART COMPETITION



The Community Coalition on Grief and Bereavement announced the winners of the 2009 Art from the Grieving Heart competition. Students and adults from Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, and Ontonagon counties were asked to submit a short story, poem or essay expressing personal grief from a loss. Judging took place resulting in winners in four categories. The second grade winner is Jaycie Forcia from CJ Sullivan Elementary School in L'Anse.

Jaycie wrote her story about loosing her dog Bruno and her Great-Grandmother Theresa Morin. Jaycie writes stories and songs all the time and is a very talented writer at her young age. Mrs. Gerzetch, in the picture with Jaycie, is her second grade teacher at C.J. Sullivan Elementary school. Mrs. Gerzetch has noticed and helped nurture Jaycie's writing ability. Jaycie's family states, "We are all so proud of her straight A's and awards."

Bruno

I lost my dog, Bruno two years ago, but I still miss him. I felt really sad, but when the years went by, I thought about the nice things he did and the things we did together. Then I didn't feel so bad. Then I heard that my grandma died, I felt so sad for her. It made me think about what they are doing in heaven right now. I thought my grandma was playing fetch with Bruno, so, then I felt better.



The KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program will hold a Public Hearing on June 10, 2009, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will held in the Commons Area of the KBIC Youth Center. The meeting will provide Tribal Members and Baraga County residents an opportunity to comment on the services we provide, offer suggestions or improvement ideas.

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managing the Lake Superior fishery, and KBNRD continues to assist in disease screening efforts throughout the area.

More Exotic Species Observations: KBNRD assisted a GLIFWC Sea Lamprey Control Crew Member in positively identifying a fish captured in a sea lamprey trap set at the Misery River as a pre-spawn adult female Eurasian Ruffe. This was the first documentation of spawning phase adult Eurasian Ruffe in this area, and several others were observed during the 2008 sea lamprey survey on the Misery River as well. KBNRD continues to be on the lookout for spread of exotic species.

For more information, contact the KBNRD @ (906)-524-5757.



Photos. A lake sturgeon that showed symptoms of a viral infection, Disease screenings were conducted in the area this fish was captured. Active surveillance has also been done on Parent Lake, the KBNRD Fish Hatchery, and periodic fishery assessments for potentially diseased fish and exotics.



G.R.E.A.T. — GANG RESISTANCE PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH



The Weed and Seed Program has collaborated with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police and Lowell Larson to provide G.R.E.A.T. lessons to the fourth and fifth graders of the Philip Latendesse School in Baraga. Larson is also employed by the Marquette County Sheriff's Office and facilitates the G.R.E.A.T. program in three school districts in Marquette County.

The GREAT program is a preventive oriented school-based classroom curriculum and is instructed by a law enforcement officer with the intention of resistance towards delinquency, youth violence and gang membership.

Facilitator, Officer Larson states, "The G.R.E.A.T. program is similar to the D.A.R.E. program in that it uses a uniformed officer to teach important life skills to students such as communication, decision making, conflict resolution, and anger management. The most important aspect of the program is developing a positive relationship between students and law enforcement."

Chris Gerald, Weed and Seed Coordinator, states, "The program is proving to be popular with the students." Gerard plans on expanding the program to the L'Anse area schools for the next academic school year.

DHHS' ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER



KBIC Community Health sponsored their Annual Mother's Day Dinner held Tuesday, May 12th, at the Best Western Lakeside Inn. Nearly fifty mothers, daughters, sisters and friends joined together for an evening of education and fun. The ladies enjoyed a delicious celebration dinner of stuffed chicken and wild rice. Guest speaker, Mary Linden, DHHS' newly employed Public Nurse, spoke on the warning signs and symptoms for *women with STROKE*. Kathy Mayo, Community Services Director, spoke on the services available at the Donald LaPointe Facility — WIC, Healthy Start, Nutritionist Services, Diabetic Clinic, Foot Clinic, Optical Clinic, CHR's, Public Health Nursing Services, Youth and Family Services, VOCA, CHS, Medical and Dental. Pictures were taken and distributed for memories of the special occasion.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA
(Effective October 1, 2008)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$1,011	\$1,330
2	\$1,311	\$1,705
3	\$1,611	\$2,080
4	\$1,914	\$2,455
5	\$2,239	\$2,830
6	\$2,564	\$3,205
7	\$2,864	\$3,580
8	\$3,164	\$3,955
Each additional member	+ \$300	+ \$375

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

* Can not be on food stamps.

7th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby

(In Honor of the Tiosh Family Past and Present)

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Ojibwa Recreation Area
Off of US-41 Baraga (Between Pines Gas Station and M-38 Junction)
Sand Point Pond (near lighthouse)
9am-1pm

Registration begins at 9am

Many prizes awarded at registration and throughout the morning. Rods and Reels will be given away to kids without them at registration, but kids who bring their own rods and reels will be given an incentive prize.

Food, fun and various games for "fisher-kids", **Ages 4-12**

CONTACT KBIC Natural Resources for more information: (906) 524-5757

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Must be present for various random prize drawings and misc. activities, but NEED NOT BE PRESENT for major prize winner announcements at end of event

KBIC DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner Announced



Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Zobro, the May recipient of the KBIC DHHS Superior Spirit Award!

Dr. Zobro was nominated for "his dedication and concern, (working patients into the schedule) and desire to start a Health Foundation for uninsured patients of the KBIC"

When you see Dr. Zobro, please congratulate him on this award. He will receive a lanyard and free parking space for the month.

KBIC Curbside Spring Cleanup
2009

WHO: KBIC Tribal Members
WHERE: KBIC L'Anse Reservation Residences
WHEN: Waste will be collected from curbsides according to the following schedule:

L'Anse Collection Routes: June 8th - June 12th

June 8th: Brewery, Vuk, Dynamite Hill, Barbo, Indian, Silver, Arvon, Herman Roads.

June 9th: Hannila, Skanee, Townline, Biltonen, Heath Drive, Ford Farm, Haataja, Pikes Peak Roads.

June 10th: Jentoft, Haanpaa, Indian Cemetery, Taylor, Whirligig, Marksman, Zeba, Johnson, Pequaming, Aura Roads.

June 11th: Power Dam, Usimaki, Maki, Dog Patch (Old 41), Lee Roads.

June 12th: Village of L'Anse Tribal member collection. (Must call Tribal Construction prior to June 11th with name and address to arrange for pickup)

Baraga Collection Routes: June 15th - June 18th

June 15th: M-38 from the Village of Baraga limits to Baraga Plains Road, Beartown, Guy, Lindblom, Wadaga Roads.

June 17th: Mission (north of Tribal Construction), Ben, Tangen, Carlson Roads.

June 17th: Lindemann, US-41 outside of the Village of Baraga, Shippy Roads.

June 18th: Village of Baraga residents (Must call Tribal Construction prior to June 17th with name and address to arrange for pick-up).

If you wish to participate, please place waste on curbside or roadside in front of residence by AM of collection day for your street route.

Elders or Tribal Members with physical disabilities who are not able to move their waste to the curbside can call Tribal Construction (353-6950) for special arrangements. L'Anse and Baraga Village Tribal Member Residents must call Tribal Construction with their name and addresses prior to pick-up to ensure they are included in the collection.

One-Time Drop-off Day: June 19th, 8am – 4pm, Tribal Construction Offices, Mission Road

NO: Hazardous Waste, Paint, Oil & Filters, Batteries, Yard Waste, Tires, Construction Debris, Fluorescent Bulbs, Explosives, Radioactive Waste, Propane Tanks, Pesticides, Solvents, or Loose Trash!! Loose trash **MUST** be bagged. Must Remove Doors from Refrigerators and Freezers

If you have questions, please contact Char Beesley at the KBIC Natural Resource Department (906) 524-5757 x14, or Tribal Construction, at (906) 353-6950.

12th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S POWWOW

KBIC Headstart/Early Headstart held their Annual Children's Powwow on Saturday, May 9th. Festivities began with a 1:00 p.m. grand entry led by the KBIC Veteran Guard. Songs were provided by home town drums: Woodlands, Four Thunders, and Summer Cloud. Eddy Edwards (KBIC) served as Head Veteran Dancer, Jade Chaudier (KBIC) served as Head Female Dancer, and Robert Voakes (KBIC) served as Head Male Dancer. Tim Loonsfoot (KBIC) emceed the afternoons events while Jesse Forcia (KBIC) served as the arena director. The 12th Annual Children's Powwow was sponsored by KBIC Headstart/Early Headstart, KBIC, and ITC of Michigan. (More pictures/page 12).



**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Traditional Arts Expo**



Pines Convenience Center
15841 US 41 North
Baraga
May 2-3, 2009
June 6-7, 2009
11:00 am-6:00 pm

**Featuring Traditional Arts & Performances by
Local Native American Artists**

Sponsored by:
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Tribal Council
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Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Anishinaabe Anokii



Supported by funding from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

Vendors
For More Information or to Register Contact:
Cultural Center: 906-353-7020
THPO: 906-353-6272



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
 5. Credit repair for homeownership;
 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals - five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.



Money Available for Individual Development Accounts (Savings Plans) for home repair.



Call Christine @
353-7117 ext. 111



(KBOHCDC) for an application or stop at
Ojibwa Housing, 220 Main St, Baraga

Footsteps In The Forest

Local Hiking Program : A Series of Hikes

All hikes will take place at 6:30 p.m. and meet at the site.
In cases of rain event will be cancelled.

Current Event Schedule

June 17-Canyon Falls
US-41 near Alberta

June 24-L'Anse Beach Front &
Falls River

Meet in the parking lot across from the
L'Anse American Legion.

July 1-On Your Own

Wear supportive shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. Bring a
light jacket and water.

Children under the age of 16 must be
accompanied by an adult.

Contact Heather at 353-4546 or
Kathy at 353-4519 for more information.



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To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at 906-201-0263 or e-mail newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov. To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.

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	Youth Program & Facility Attendant	Youth Programs



For complete job announcement, application requirements and closing dates contact:

KBIC Personnel Department ♦ 16429 Beartown Road ♦ Baraga, Michigan 49908
906-353-6623, ext. 4176 ♦ or visit us at <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov>

2009 WINTER SCHEDULE

LAUGH AND LEARN — OJIBWE LANGUAGE TABLE

Wednesday Nights 7—8:30 pm,

Ojibwa Casino Resort Motel Conference Room

This is an informal learning opportunity for all ages.

Attend when you can.

For more information contact: Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. 353-4178



Great Lakes 'Walk, Paddle, and Roll'
Fundraising Event

Saturday, June 6, 2009, 12:00 noon
Perkins Park on Lake Independence,
Big Bay, MI



For More Information Contact:

Save the Wild UP

Kristi Mills 228-4444

Website: savethewildup.org

Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve

Emily Whittaker, 345-9233

Website: yellowdogwatershed.org

Join the staff and supporters of **Save the Wild UP, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve** and **Freshwater Future** in a Great Lakes Walk, Paddle, and Roll Fundraising event, which kicks off with a five-mile paddle around beautiful Lake Independence on Saturday, June 6. There will be three events throughout the summer, including an orienteering event to be held on Sunday, July 12, in Big Bay as well as a biking event in August in Marquette. All funds raised will be used to support environmental outreach and educational activities and similar efforts around the Great Lakes region.

Participants may choose to enjoy any event or all three. Participants can either solicit pledges by setting up an individualized website on <http://www.firstgiving.com/freshwaterfuture> or donate directly to the organizations. This website is a convenient way for individuals to help raise funds for these organizations, or to donate directly to their fundraising efforts.

Here in Marquette County and across the western UP, the threat of sulfide and uranium mining continues with increased levels of exploration. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we work together to ensure the health of our community's environment and the Great Lakes for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

"Paddle Independence will be a fun opportunity for families and friends to explore this beautiful area and help raise funds to protect our water resources," said Kristi Mills of Save the Wild UP. "Weather permitting, we will paddle around a good portion of the lake while identifying landmarks such as the Iron River Dam, mouth of the Johnson Creek and Yellow Dog River and scenic high points visible from the water. It will be a fun day!" said Emily Whittaker of YDWP. "We hope to see all of the very supportive community members participate in this worthwhile event." Sponsored by John G. Shedd Aquarium, Grand Traverse Casino and Resort, and Big Bay Outfitters.

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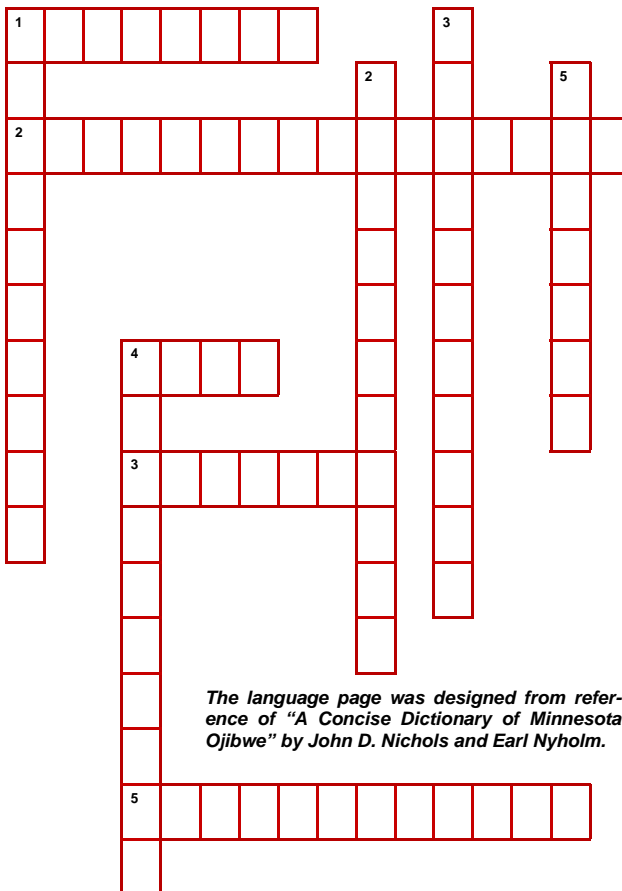
Ode'mini Giizis—Strawberry Moon
(June)

Across

1. father
2. barefoot
3. berries
4. father (old fashion)
5. bare headed

Down

1. uncle (mother's brother)
2. grandfather
3. brother
4. uncle (father's brother)
5. strawberry



The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

o _ _ i _ i n — strawberry
m a w _ _ _ o — berries
n _ _ j _ _ i w _ n h — brother
n _ _ s — father (old fashion)
_ m b a _ _ a a — father
n _ m _ _ h o o _ _ s — grandfather
m _ _ a a k _ _ _ l b e — bare headed
z h _ _ _ h _ _ g _ _ _ z l d e — barefoot
i n _ h _ s _ e _ h — uncle (mother's brother)
n i m _ s h _ _ _ e — uncle (father's brother)

Fill in the blanks

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Word List

June 2009
Calendars Events

June 3 — Ojibwe Language Table

June 5 — Diabetic Foot Clinic (contact Heather Wood 353-4546)

June 6 — Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.; Traditional Arts Expo; Older Than American Screen Premiere 7 pm

June 7 — Traditional Arts Expo

June 8 — L'Anse Spring Clean Up

June 9 — L'Anse Spring Clean Up

June 10 — Ojibwe Language Table; L'Anse Spring Clean Up

June 11 — L'Anse Spring Clean Up

June 12 — L'Anse Spring Clean Up

June 15 — Baraga Spring Clean Up

June 16 — Diabetic Talking Circle 11am-1pm (contact Heather Wood 353-4546); Baraga Spring Clean Up

June 17 — Ojibwa Language Table; Canyon Falls Footsteps in the Forest hike; Baraga Spring Clean Up

June 18 — Baraga Spring Clean Up

June 19 — Drop-off Spring Clean Up

June 21 — Happy Father's Day!

June 24 — Ojibwa Language Table; L'Anse Beach Front & Falls River hike

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

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